

# **First Unitarian of NJ**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**November 8th, 2020**  
**Sunday, 5 pm**  
**Meeting held via Zoom**

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Chris Baglieri- President  
Mike Sutterlin- Vice President  
Sarah Muller-Robbins- Secretary  
Kim Mitchell- Trustee  
Guenevere Zucker- Trustee  
Denise Soppas- Trustee  
Cass Cochrane- Trustee  
Rev Ann Marie Alderman- Minister

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Chalice Lighting:** Chris

### **Reading of Board Covenant**

### **Meeting Agenda**

All Approved

### **Consent Agenda**

Minister's Report, President's Report, Meeting Minutes  
Motion to Approve: Mike  
Seconded by: Guen  
All Approved

### **Action Items**

Action items from October 11, 2020 Board Meeting were reviewed. New and old items remaining to be completed are listed in Action Items at end of minutes

### **Budget and Finance- Cass**

- Statement of Financial Position: Cass just sold stock from a donation and will sell another when value increases. Revenue negative- expecting increased contributions in December and an increase from stock sale.
- Budget vs. Actual: Reviewed
- Service Auction- Cass consulted with Melissa for ideas. Will be in two parts- one soon online, another later in spring when we can have gatherings. The online portion will be holiday focused. In person, face-to-face gatherings will not be sanctioned by the board.

### **8th Principle- Denise**

Meeting held on Monday. Focus was to set goals. Goals: congregational adoption of 8th Principle (target March 2021) and develop implementation plan (target date May 2021). Denise attends monthly CER 8th

Principle Learning Community meeting. She is sharing learning opportunities with committee and congregation. Committee is planning three worship services on antiracism- first at end of November.

### **New Business**

Chris and Mike have been discussing ways to have Board member sharing/ retreat despite many being “zoomed” out. Best time for many Board members is 8:15-9:15 pm. Goal to discuss the future- outreach (bringing people in) and structural issues (forward beyond 6 months and the church year).

### **Action Items from Meeting**

- Chris will continue to work with Charlie and Sarah to organize First U documents
- Cass will send out email to Board asking for more ideas for service auction
- Cass will look to schedule a tentative service event for next spring
- Kim to send Share the Plate Request to Mike
- Ann Marie will highlight 8th Principle in newsletter and will separate items in date order to stand out more
- Chris will meet with Ann Marie to discuss creating dialog with congregation (blog, facebook group) and work with Kim with marketing
- Chris to assemble the first meeting and put out dates for Board “retreat”
- Chris will share the Board minute script with the Board

### **Calendar Items**

- Next Board Meeting: 12/13/20
- December Board Meeting Chalice Lighting: Mike
- Board Minute Speakers
  - 11/15: Mike
  - 11/22: Guen
  - 11/29: Cass
  - 12/6: Sarah
  - 12/13: Kim
  - 12/20: Denise

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:40 pm

**Prepared by:** Sarah Muller-Robbins